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REMARKS

The Applicant first notes that prosecution on the merits of this application is now closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935).

The drawings are objected to for the reasons noted in the official action. All of the raised drawing objections are believed to be overcome by the above requested specification amendments thereby obviating the need to amend the drawings. Nevertheless, in the event that the Examiner still believes that any amendment to the drawings is necessary, please contact the undersigned representative of the Applicant to discuss the same.

The pending Abstract of the Disclosure is canceled and replaced with a new Abstract which overcomes the noted informalities contained therein. If any further amendments to the Abstract is believed necessary, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss the proposed changes to the same.

The above amended paragraphs of the specification overcome some informalities noted in the specification on file and now refer to elements 53b, 53c, and 53d. The undersigned avers that the amended paragraphs of the specification merely address the above but do not contain any new subject matter.

Next, claims 29, 30, 31 and 55 are objected to for the reasons noted in the official action. The above requested claim amendments are believed to overcome all of the raised informalities concerning the claims. If any further amendment to any of the claims is believed necessary, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative of the Applicant to discuss the same.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claim 29-58 would be allowable once the above noted deficiencies in the claims are corrected. In accordance with this indication, the claims are suitable amended, by the above claim amendments, and all of the pending claims are now believed to be allowable. If any further amendment to this application is believed necessary to advance prosecution and place this case in allowable form, the Examiner is courteously solicited to contact the undersigned representative of the Applicant to discuss the same.

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The Applicant notes the prior art cited in the official action. As none of that prior art is applied by the Examiner with respect to any of the pending claims of this application, the Applicant is not providing any comments concerning the same at this time.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the raised rejection(s) should be withdrawn and this application is now placed in a condition for allowance. Action to that end, in the form of an early Notice of Allowance, is courteously solicited by the Applicant at this time.

The Applicant respectfully requests that any outstanding objection(s) or requirement(s), as to the form of this application, be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is indicated for this case. The Applicant respectfully requests that any outstanding objection(s) or requirement(s), as to the form of this application, be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is indicated for this case.

In the event that there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge the same or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account (Account No. 04-0213).

Respectfully submitted,


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